

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the previous amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 are pending. Claims 1 and 18 are independent.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4-10, 12-14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0186613 to Balling; and rejects claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Balling in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,515 to Kirkpatrick et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 3 and 15-17 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 18 are amended to include the features of claim 3. Thus, this application is in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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